

PARABLES

J E S U S T H E S T O R Y T E L L E R

Sunday, July 3, 2022 | Wawasee Bible | Milford, Indiana | Pastor Dave Winters

Part 6 | **God's Fair vs. Our Fair** Matthew 20:1-16

God may appear to be **UNFAIR**

God appears *unfair* when we look at what other people receive.

God appears *unfair* because “everyone should get what they deserve”.

God appears *unfair* when we think he owes us.

yet God is **JUST** and generous

God is just; we don't get what we deserve. Romans 6:23

God is generous and pursues us in love. v. 2-6; Matthew 11:28; Revelation 3:20

God is just and loves being generous. v. 15

so we are called to be **JUST**.

Acknowledge God's right to be just and generous.

Keep your focus on God and not on what others get. v. 15

Ask God to increase generosity in your nature. 2 Corinthians 9:10-11; Deuteronomy 15:10; Proverbs 11:25



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Food for Thought...

Questions & Scripture for Further Study

Read Matthew 20:1–16. How does this parable arise out of the discussion over the rich young man in the previous chapter (see especially **19:27–30** and **20:16**)?

Imagine that you had “borne the burden of the work and the heat of the day” (v. **12**) yet were paid the same as those who only worked an hour. How would you feel, and why?

Although the landowner’s actions seem unfair, he claims they are not (v. **13–15**). Why aren’t they unfair?

The landlord clearly represents God. How do his values as seen in this parable conflict with society’s values?

What can we learn from God’s generosity as shown in the parable?

Spend time thanking God for his fairness and generosity.

This week’s Food for Thought is taken from John White, *Parables: The Greatest Stories Ever Told: 12 Studies for Individuals or Groups, A LifeGuide Bible Study* (Downers Grove, IL: IVP Connect: An Imprint of InterVarsity Press, 1999), 30.



Life Groups Return In the Fall!

Each fall and spring people from Wawasee Bible meet regularly in small groups to learn about Jesus, pray, eat, laugh, and live life together. We call them Life Groups and they meet in various homes and on campus. If you really want to connect and grow, you should get in a Life Group! — *Most groups take a break for the summer, so if you’re interested, look for sign-ups in August or let us know on the digital Connect Card at wawasee.today or stop by the Connect Desk. Look for other opportunities to connect outside of Life Groups throughout the summer.*

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Word Find in the Word

Find the words from a passage related to this week’s message.

Word Find for Matthew 20:1-6 (ESV)

*Find the words **bolded** below.*

¹For the **kingdom** of **heaven** is **like** a **master** of a **house** who **went** out **early** in the **morning** to **hire laborers** for his **vineyard**. ² After **agreeing** with the **laborers** for a **denarius** a day, he **sent** them into his **vineyard**. ³ And going out about the **third hour** he saw **others standing idle** in the **marketplace**, ⁴ and to them he **said**, ‘You go into the **vineyard** too, and whatever is **right** I will **give** you.’ ⁵ So they **went**. Going out **again** about the **sixth hour** and the **ninth hour**, he did the **same**. ⁶ And about the **eleventh hour** he **went** out and **found others standing**. And he **said** to them, ‘Why do you **stand here idle** all day?’